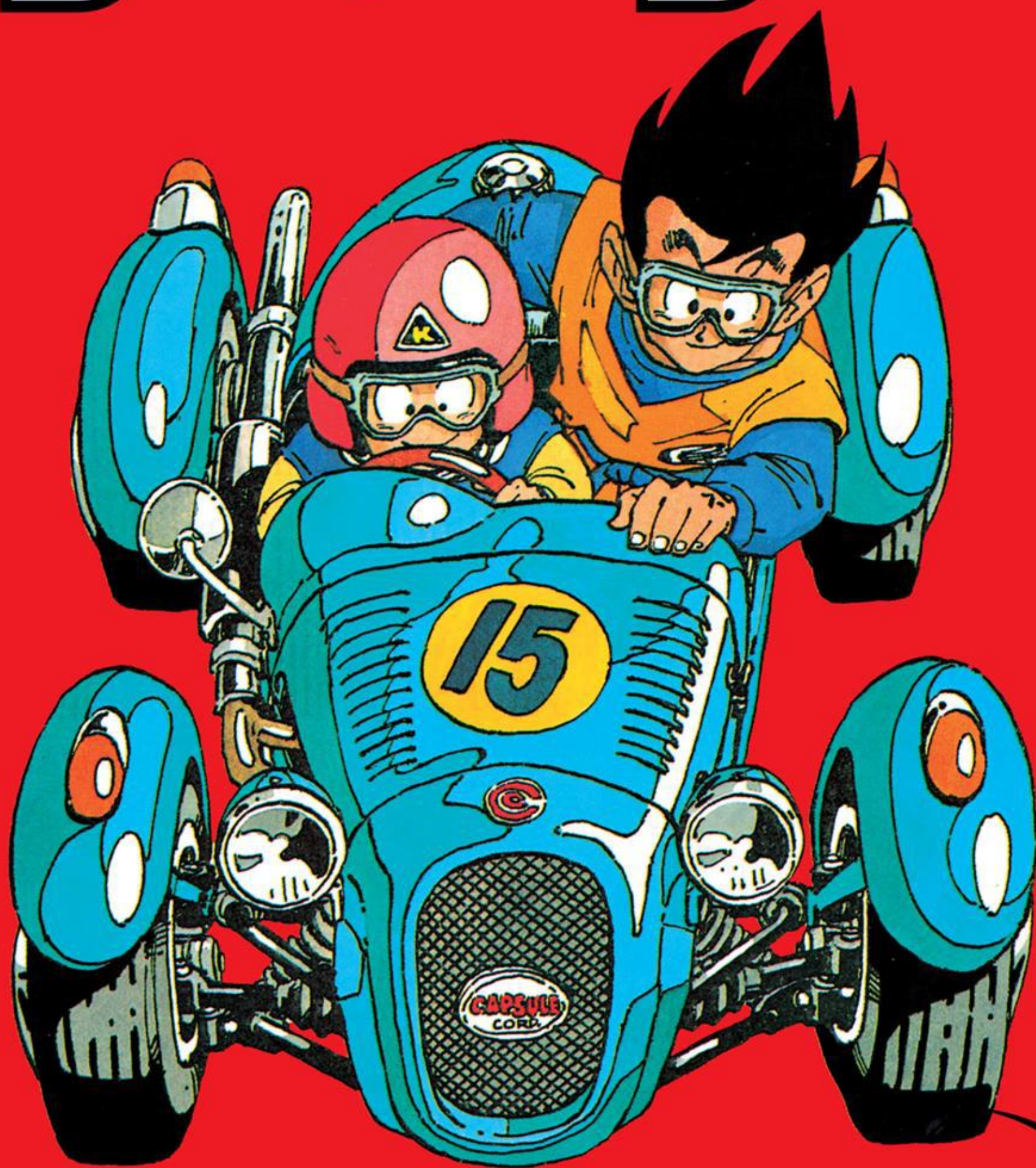


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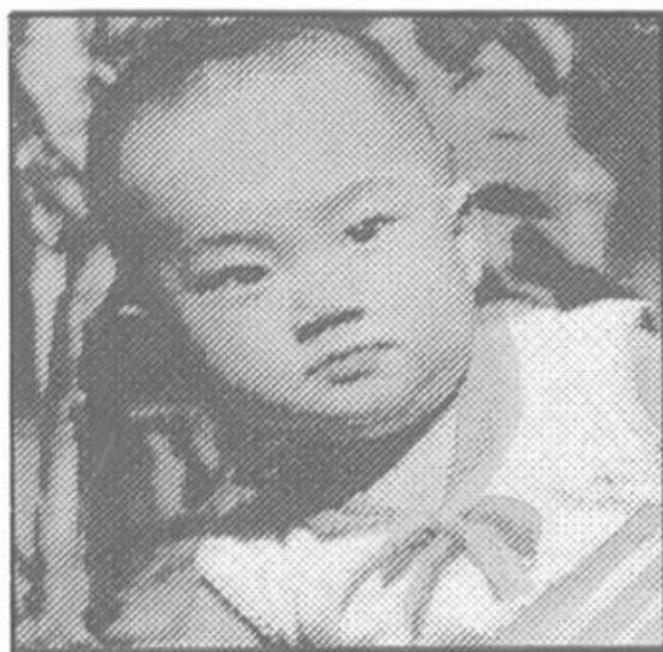
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I'm running out of photos and drawings to put here, so that's why I ended up having to show a picture of myself as a child! It was right around this time that I started getting strange bumps on my head which made me look like a kewpie doll. Apparently they had to operate to get rid of them. Even today, I have scars on my head from that operation, and so unfortunately, I can't shave off all my hair.

—Akira Toriyama, 1988

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THE MAIN CHARACTERS

Tenshinhan

A martial artist who trained under Tsuru-Sen'nin, brother of the assassin Taopaipai. Tenshinhan renounced the path of evil and narrowly beat Goku at the last *Tenka'ichi Budôkai*.

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Son Goku

Monkey-tailed Goku has always been stronger than normal. His grandfather Gohan gave him the *nyoibô*, a magic staff, and Kame-Sen'nin gave him the *kinto'un*, a magic flying cloud. Most recently, he has spent three years training with Kami-sama, the deity who watches over the world of Dragon Ball.

Yamcha

A student of Kame-Sen'nin, and Bulma's on-and-off boyfriend.

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Bulma

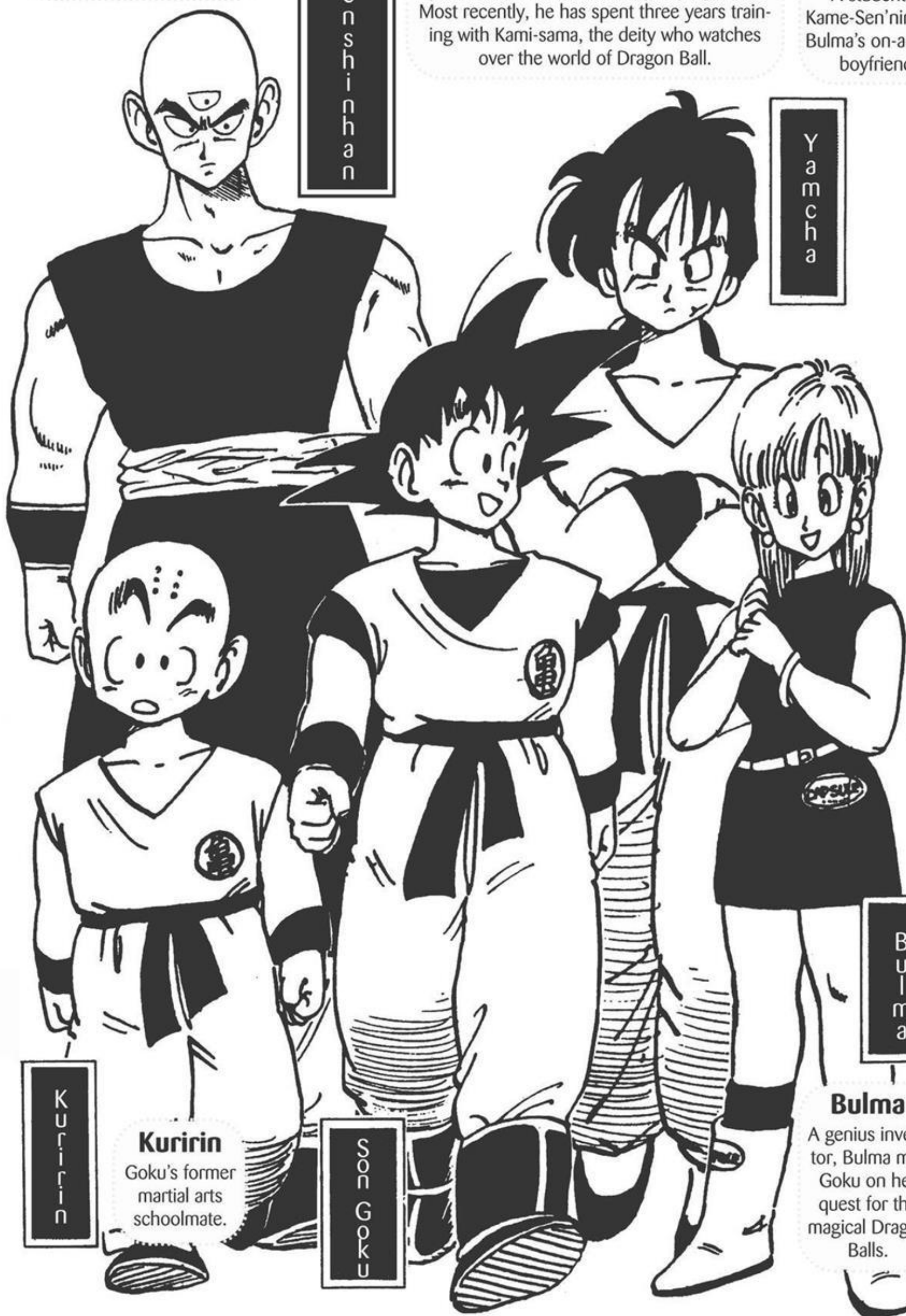
A genius inventor, Bulma met Goku on her quest for the magical Dragon Balls.

Kuririn

Goku's former martial arts schoolmate.

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Shen

An incompetent martial artist who seems to have made it to the final rounds by blind luck.

Shen

Piccolo

Piccolo

Created from the sinful thoughts cast off by the divine Kami-sama when he ascended to godhood, Piccolo is evil incarnate. The current Piccolo is a clone of the original, and possesses all the original's memories. He has entered the tournament under the name "Demon Junior."

Kame-Sen'nin

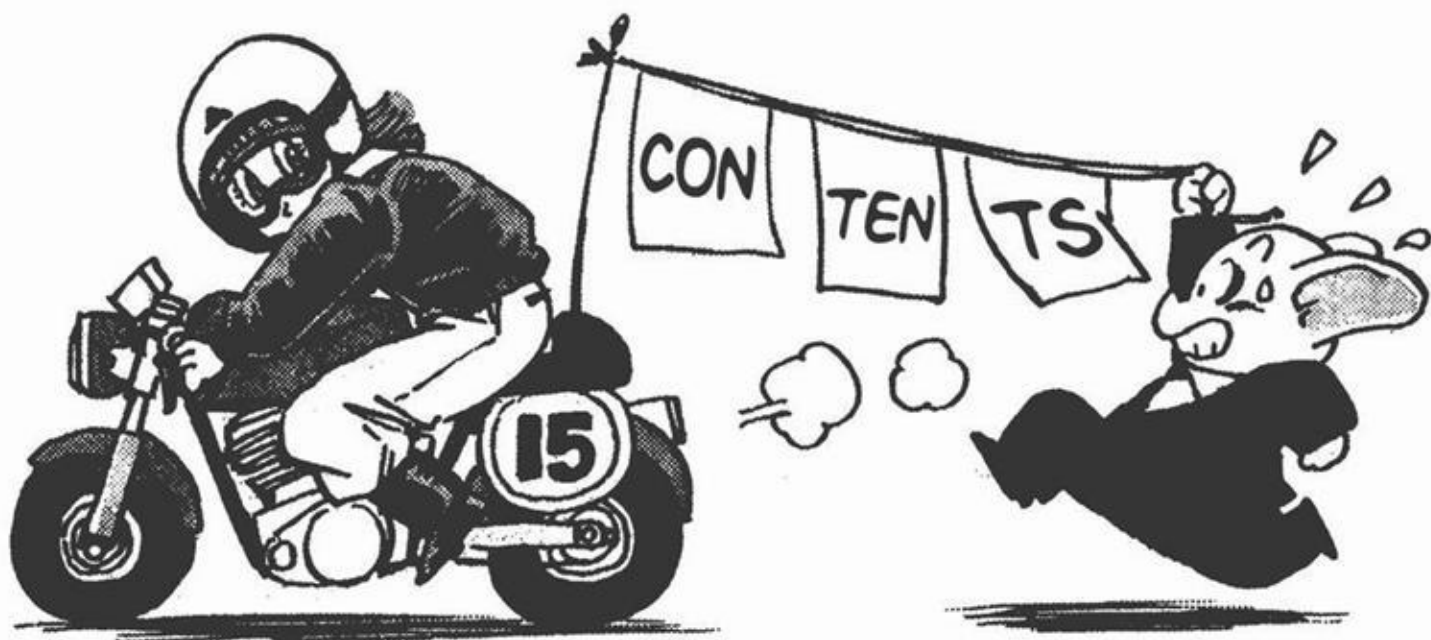
(The "Turtle Hermit")

A lecherous but powerful martial artist, the rival of Tsuru-Sen'nin (the "Crane Hermit"). He trained Goku, Kuririn and Yamcha.

Kame-Sen'nin

Legend says that whoever gathers the seven magical "Dragon Balls" will be granted any one wish. Son Goku, a powerful young martial artist, first started his adventures by searching for them. As he grew older, he competed in the *Tenka'ichi Budôkai* ("Strongest Under the Heavens") fighting tournament, winning second place two times in a row. When the Great Demon King Piccolo tried to conquer the world, only Goku was strong enough to defeat him. But Piccolo used his dying energy to create a clone of himself, vowing that the clone would return in three years to get revenge. Now three years have passed, and the reborn Piccolo, and all Goku's old rivals, have come to the *Tenka'ichi Budôkai* to see who is the strongest in the world...

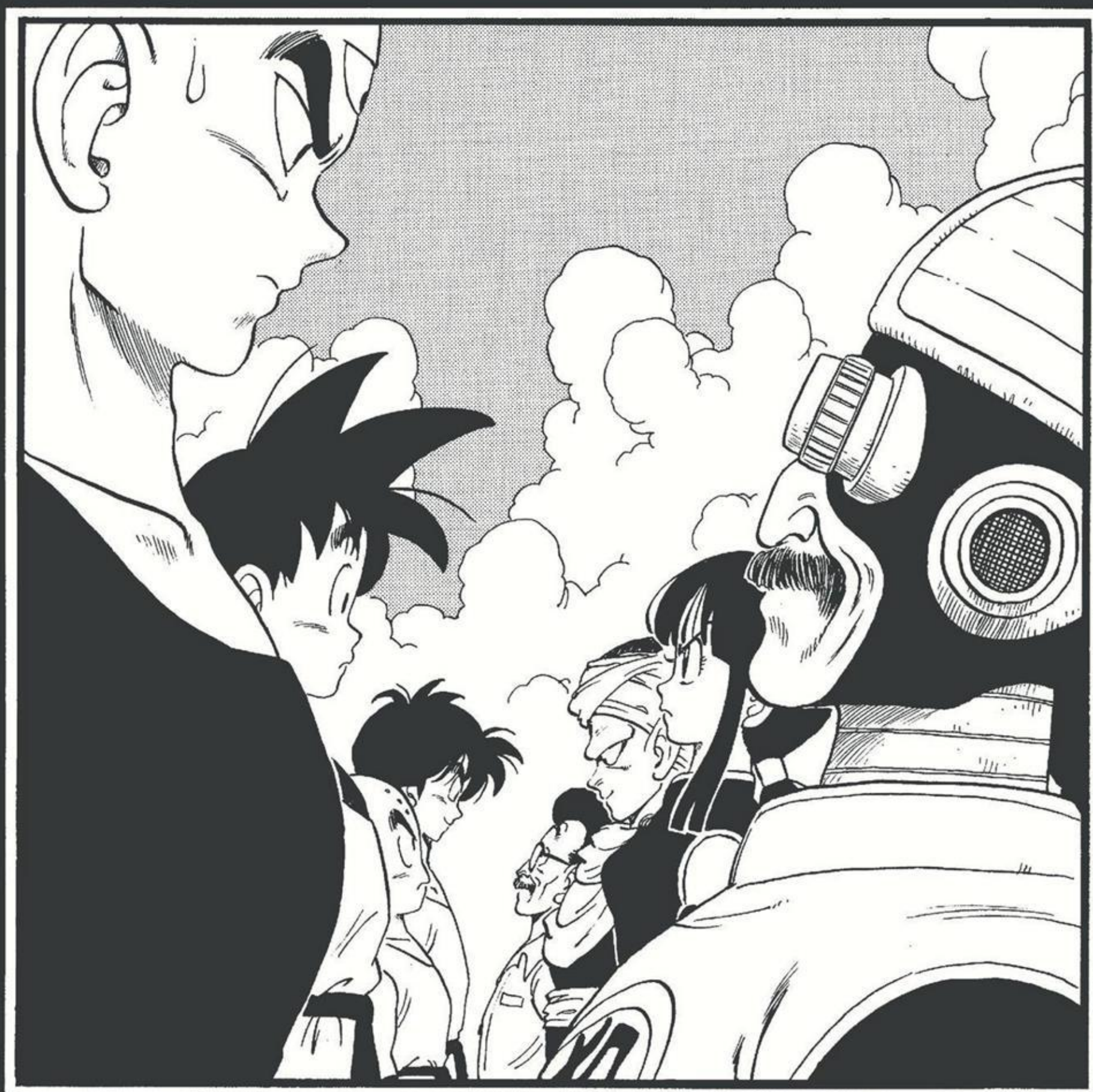
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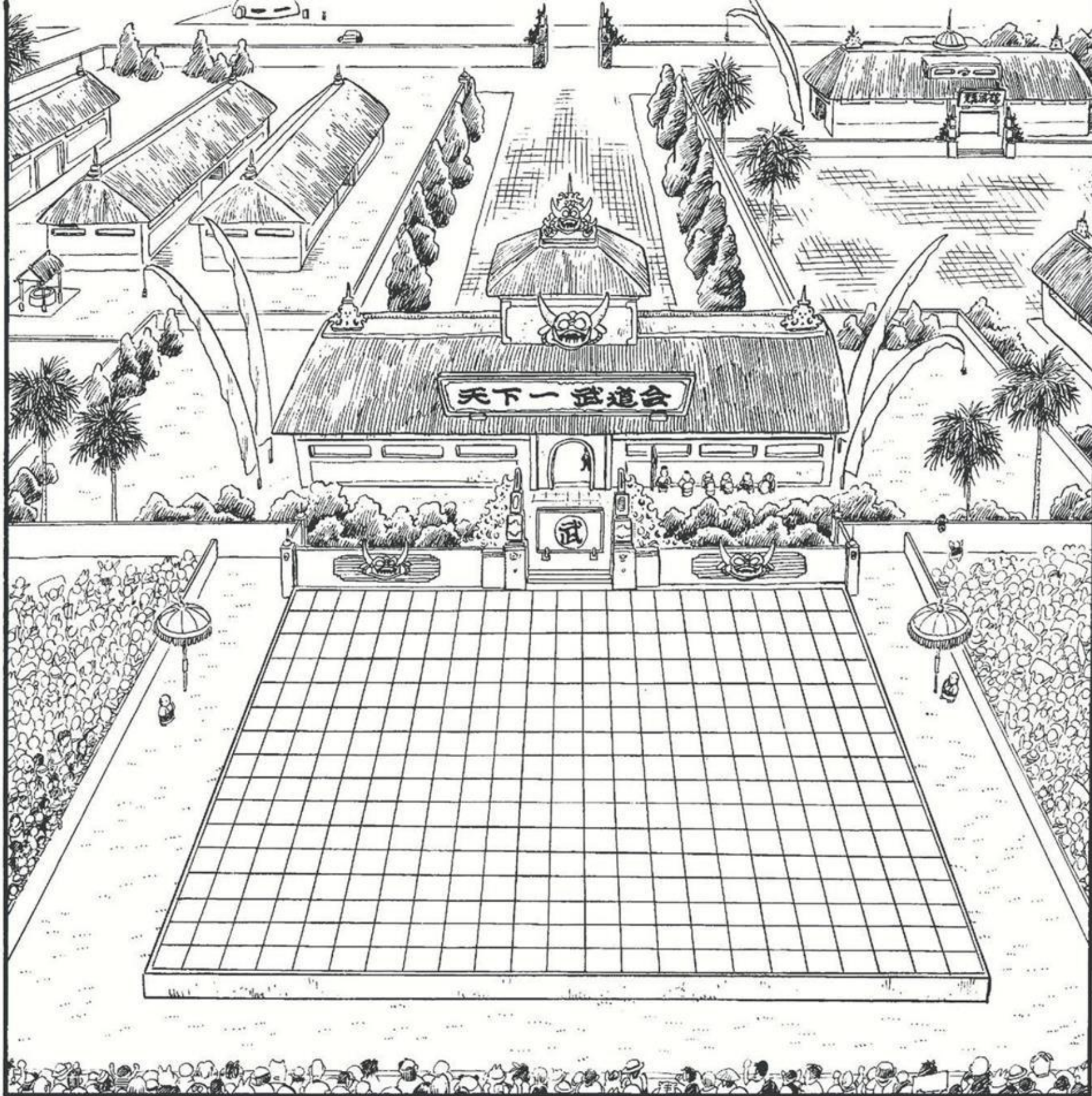


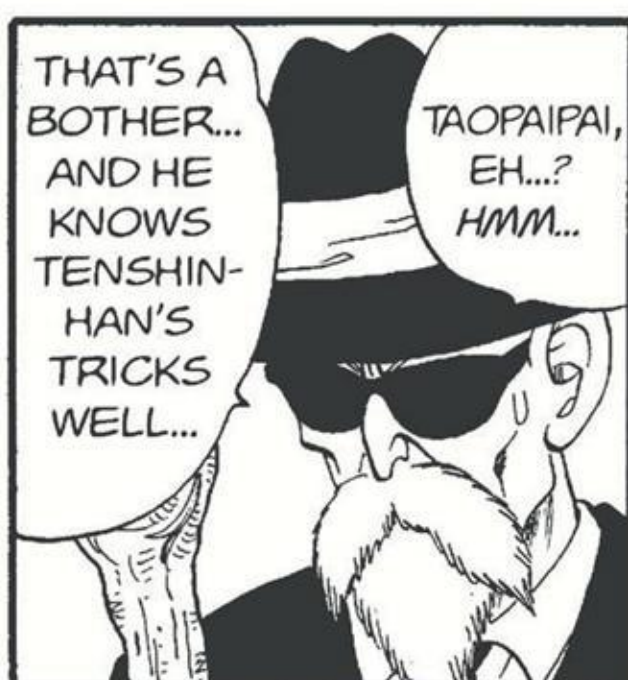
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Tale 169 • Tenshinhan vs. Taopaipai







LET ME GIVE YOU A PIECE OF ADVICE—YOU OUGHT TO RUN BEFORE YOU TURTLE-SCHOOL BUMBLERS ARE ALL COOKED IN YOUR SHELLS.



HEH HEH HEH... YOUR DUMBFOUNDED FACES FLOAT BEFORE MY EYES...



T-TSURU-SEN'NIN !!

THEY'VE ALL SURPASSED ME AND ARE BLAZING THEIR OWN TRAILS IN THE MARTIAL ARTS.



LISTEN, GEEZER. LET ME SET YOU STRAIGHT RIGHT NOW—TENSHINHAN WAS NEVER IN THE KAME SCHOOL, AND THE OTHER THREE HAVE LEFT!

LORD MUTEN-RÔSHI'S WORTHY OF RESPECT—UNLIKE YOU!

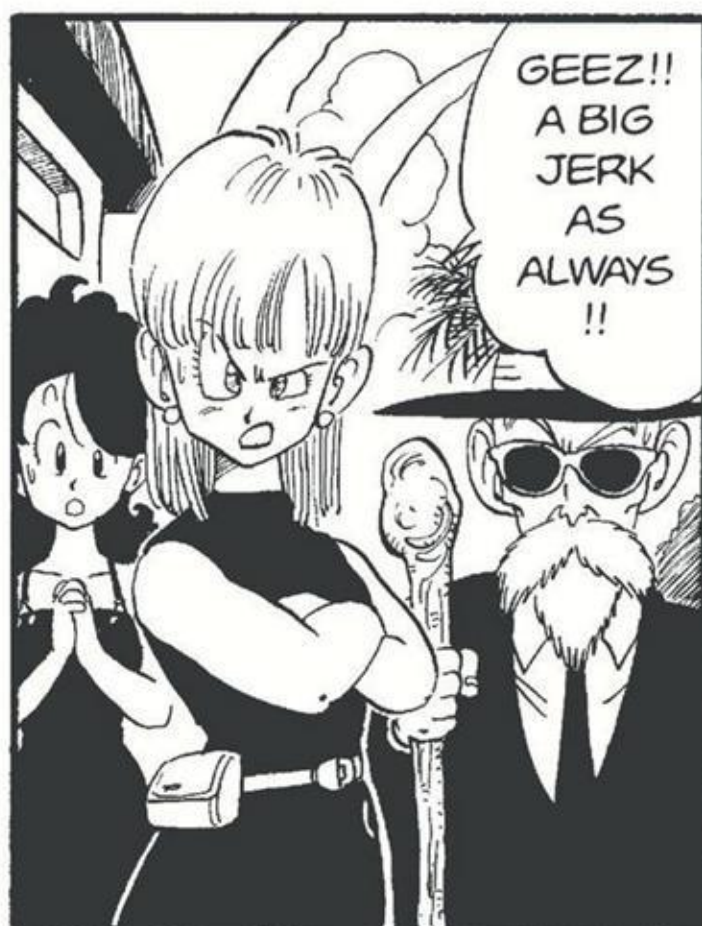


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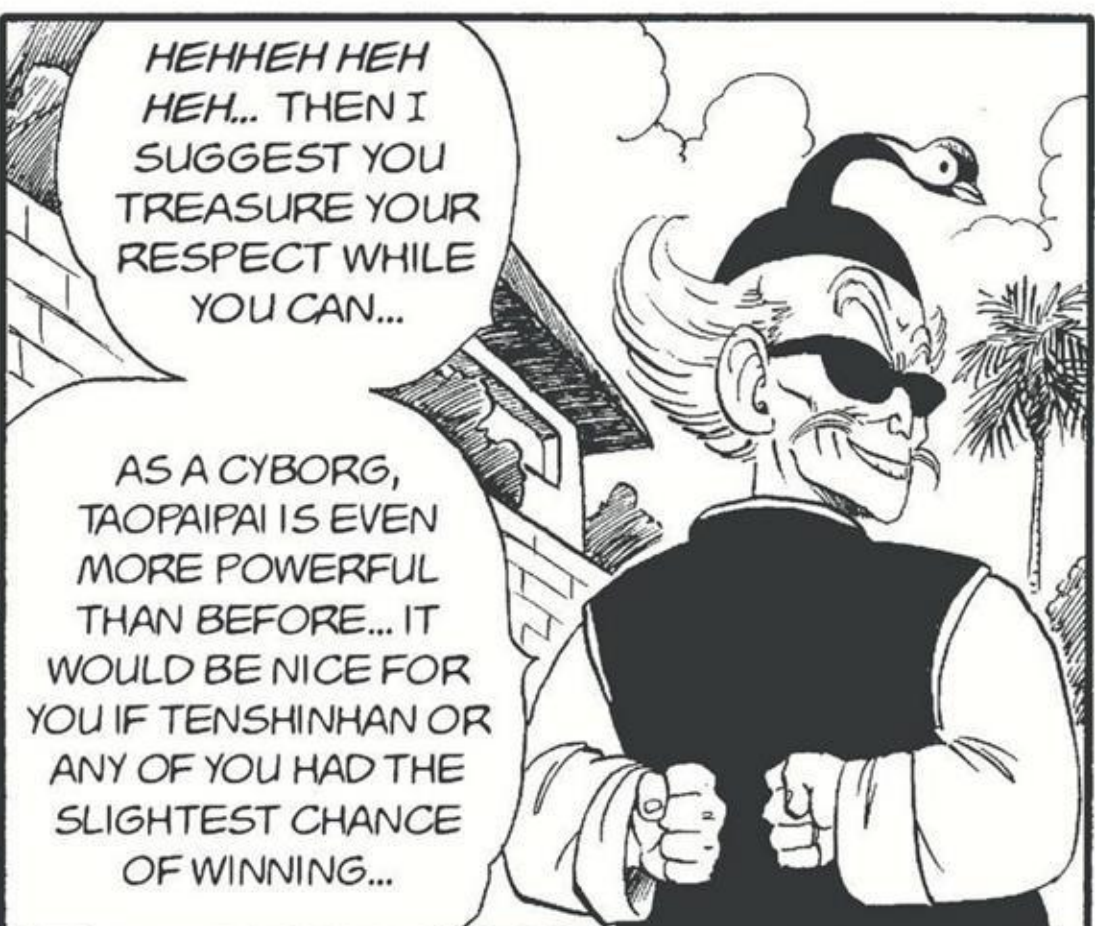
IT'S THEIR HOMAGE TO ME. THEY ALL DID IT SEPARATELY.



AND WHY ARE THEY STILL WEARING TURTLE UNIFORMS ?



GEEZ!! A BIG JERK AS ALWAYS !!



HEHHEH HEH HEH... THEN I SUGGEST YOU TREASURE YOUR RESPECT WHILE YOU CAN...

AS A CYBORG, TAOPAIPAI IS EVEN MORE POWERFUL THAN BEFORE... IT WOULD BE NICE FOR YOU IF TENSHINHAN OR ANY OF YOU HAD THE SLIGHTEST CHANCE OF WINNING...

